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VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Natalie E. Tennant
Secretary of State
Building 1, Suite 157-K
State Capitol
Charleston, West Virginia 25305-0770

Re: Enrolled Senate Bill No. 549

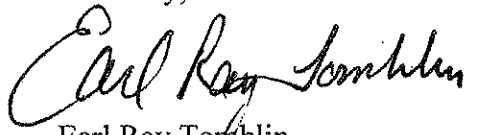
Dear Secretary of State Tennant:

Pursuant to the provisions of section fourteen, article VII of the Constitution of West Virginia, I hereby disapprove Enrolled Senate Bill No. 549.

This bill increases the annual salaries of certain civilian employees within the West Virginia State Police Forensic Laboratory, including civilian evidence technicians, forensic analysts and forensic analyst supervisors. Just last year, these same employees received a twenty percent salary increase across-the-board. *See* Enrolled Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 486 (2014). Although I value the work performed by the State Police Forensic Laboratory, I am not comfortable with approving back-to-back pay raises during a year in which many other State employees are going without any pay increase.

For this reason, I disapprove Enrolled Senate Bill No. 549.

Sincerely,


Earl Ray Tomblin
Governor

cc: The Hon. William P. Cole III
President of the Senate

The Hon. Tim Armstead
Speaker of the House of Delegates